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NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

The amendment received on September 6, 2006 has resulted in no pending claims to the previously elected invention in this continuing prosecution. All the pending claims in this application are now drawn to non-elected inventions and therefore the applicant's amendment is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The pending claims are not readable on the elected invention because all the elected coating claims of Group I (see the restriction requirement mailed April 11, 2005) have been amended to recite that the "coating forms a layer in an optical storage medium". Claims drawn to an optical storage medium are a non-elected Group II invention (e.g. non-elected original claims 133-135). The election was made without traverse in applicant's response received May 13, 2005.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John J. Zimmerman whose telephone number is (571) 272-1547. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm, M-F. Supervisor Jennifer McNeil can be reached on (571) 272-1540. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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